

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the Cities of Norfolk, Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

June 15, 2009 to July 7, 2009

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DHS/U.S. Customs and Border Protection

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) proposes to establish a High Energy Mobile X-Ray Inspection System (HEMXRIS) at the Port of Virginia in Newport News, Norfolk and Portsmouth. The purpose of the proposed action is to enable CBP to conduct non-intrusive inspections of high-density cargo containers for contraband such as illicit drugs, currency, guns and weapons of mass destruction. HEMXRIS employs an X-ray source to produce images of the contents of tankers, commercial trucks, sea and air containers, and other cargo containers. The systems are mounted on a truck chassis and operated by a three-man crew. The systems operate by slowly driving past a container with the boom extended over the target container. CBP establishes controlled areas around each HEMXRIS to limit the potential doses to CBP personnel and the public to below 0.00005 rem in any one hour.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

### **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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